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SPB assists organizations

SARAH LISON
News Writer

In an effort to offer a more exciting and memorable student life at PUC, the Student Government Association recently reactivated the Student Programming Board, which had been inactive for approximately three years.

Rick Riddering, director of career placement and student leadership development, explained that the programming board would, "Act as the central place for student organizations to go to for funding."

"We really think this is the solution to the problem of the lack of student activities on campus," Nicholas Orange, vice president of the student body, said.

The SPB consists of five students appointed by the SGA and four voting staff or administrative members who are selected by the administrative staff. The staff members sitting on the board are Tabitha Stills, exercise specialist at the Total Fitness Center; Dust; Carmen Moreno-Davis, business office clerk; and Letica Toma, director of Alumni Relations. Students sitting on the board are SGA senators Valdemer Garibay, Christine Parry and Susan Ruiz.

Upcoming Event
* Lasertag In Alumni Hall On Nov. 9.

Ideas for future events:
Parties in May and August for beginning and end of school.

Photo by Skye Holman

SGA Student Programming Board Members top: Susan Ruiz, Valdemar Garibay. Seated: Nick Orange, Rick Riddering, Christine Parry.

Members from SGA's executive board include Orange and Cory Sizemore, president of the student body. A chair and a co-chair will be elected Nov. 9.

Functions of the programming board will be to assist student groups and organizations with the planning and organizing of their events and to sponsor more campus activities during the week.

The first activity the programming board will plan is laser tag in Alumni Hall Nov. 29.

This year, the programming board will be working with a budget provided largely in part by a donation from UPS. Michelle Murphy, human resources recruiter for UPS, will be involved in approving requests for funding made by student organizations. Orange said that the total time it takes for funding to be approved would be reduced from about two weeks to two days. He said that in the future, the majority of the programming budget is expected to come from internal sources, such as the recently approved student service fees, private donations and the Alumni Association.

Christina Dust, a graduate aide in the career services department and a member of the board, said the programming board has several ideas about what these events should be. Some of these ideas are stress relieving activities during midterms, such as a jumping balloon or a clown, a film festival in April, a going away and welcome back party in May and August, concerts and lectures given by local business professionals.

Domestic violence: Battered women's month raises violence awareness

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November is domestic violence month.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, women experienced 876,340 violent offenses in 1998 alone. With the attention focused on this issue, support and solutions can be found.

Domestic violence is considered a serious problem. It is important for people to be aware of predictors of a violent relationship, where to get help and how to help another.

If a person can determine that there might be a problem before one starts, they might be able to save themselves before any harm is done. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence said some predictors of an abuse situation are: your partner grew up in a violent family, they use force or violence to solve problems, the abuse of drugs and alcohol, and they are jealous of other relationships.

It is also important to recognize the difference between a healthy relationship and an abusive relationship. A healthy relationship is: non-threatening, respectful, has trust and support, and is honest and accountable. An abusive relationship uses: intimidation, emotional or physical abuse, and isolation from friends and family.

St. Jude House

St. Jude House is a battered women's shelter located in Crown Point. Their phone number is (219) 662-7061

Collette Morrow, director of the women's studies program, said that if a woman is in an abusive relationship, she needs a clear and specific plan to get herself out.

"Telling a woman to just leave may pose an even greater danger to her," Morrow said.

Morrow said that an abusive spouse could be at his most violent if the woman tries to leave because he is trying to assert his control over her.

"They can experience severe battery and even death when they try to leave," Morrow said.

Morrow advised that battered women secure an economic plan and a place to live before they leave.

"One of the biggest causes of homelessness with women comes as the result of leaving abusive men," she said.

Joyce Hestermann, a junior majoring in sociology, said that a young woman might stay in a relationship because that is how abused women feel significant.

"Pain is the only love that some women have ever known. Some are comfortable being beaten because at least they know that their partner is paying some attention to them," Hestermann said.

Morrow said the faculty and staff in the women's studies program would be very open and supportive to any woman who feels they need someone to talk to.

If anyone is in an abusive relationship, there are ways to get help. Three area shelters that offer assistance are Haven House in Hammond, (219) 931-2090, The Rainbow Shelter in Gary, (219) 886-1600 and St. Jude House in Crown Point, (219) 662-7061. These shelters offer a safe emergency shelter, emotional support for victims, 24-hour crisis line, legal advocacy and crisis intervention counseling groups.

The Northwest Indiana World Trade Council holds a meeting Nov. 12 in ANDR 331 at 6:30 p.m. Call 989-2407 for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Bio-terrorism forum to be held Thursday

Purdue Calumet is advancing another learning opportunity this week in response to serious developments that are affecting our society.

In recent weeks bio-terrorism has commanded significant news media attention. On Thursday (11/15), "Bio-terrorism in Today's Society" is the focus of a 90-minute campus forum, beginning at noon in Room 150 of SFLC.

The forum will feature a four-member panel of environmental, health care and psychological experts who will discuss bio-terrorism from those perspectives. Opening statements by each will be followed by a question/answer session.

The panelists:

- Alexander Stemer, MD, infection control medical director at St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers, St. Anthony Medical Center, The Methodist Hospitals of Northwest Indiana and St. Catherine Hospital;
- Michael Gealth, Ph.D., environmental microbiologist and dean of Purdue Calumetíss School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science;
- Leslie Rittenmeyer, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and associate professor of nursing at Purdue Calumet;
- Helene Uhlman, Hammond Health Dept. administrator.

Purdue Calumet Associate Professor of Nursing Jane Walker will serve as moderator.

This forum is sponsored by the Purdue Calumet Wellness Committee.

A responsibility to advance knowledge, understanding

As an institution of higher learning, we not only are in a unique position, but we also have a significant responsibility to advance *knowledge and understanding in response to issues that affect* our lives.

The day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, two of our Dept. of History and Political Science faculty members—Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Richard Rupp and Visiting Instructor in History Valentino Martinez—shared their expertise and perspectives on terrorism at a campus forum that filled the Student Lounge.

Taking a leadership role in providing topical information and insight with respect to matters that impact our society is another way Purdue Calumet attempts to reach out to its campus family and nearby communities.

Not just at times of crisis

That responsibility, however, is one not just reserved for times of crisis. Throughout the year, informational and cultural programs, activities and exhibits are offered on campus. This week, for instance:

- Our Dept. of Engineering is hosting a presentation Monday (11/12) at 6 p.m. in Alumni Hall of SFLC entitled "The International Space Station: The Next Logical Step." The speaker is Donald Palac, chief of the Advanced Program Development Branch for NASA-Lewis Research Center.
- Our Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures sponsors an international film series, the next presentation of which is the Serbo-Croatian film, "Black Cat, White Cat," Tuesday (11/13) at 6:30 p.m. in CLO 110.
- A fitness seminar on "Weight Management" is being presented at 7 p.m., Wednesday (11/14) in SFLC 321 by exercise physiologist Tina Schmidt of our Total Fitness Center.
- And, currently on exhibit in Purdue Calumet's Library Art Gallery through Dec. 9 are photographs from NASA's Johnson Space Center, depicting the assembly, liftoff, flight in space and return landing of a Space Shuttle Orbiter.

The opportunities on campus to expand knowledge and understanding are virtually limitless. They're all part of a university experience.

What's goin' on?

A look around campus

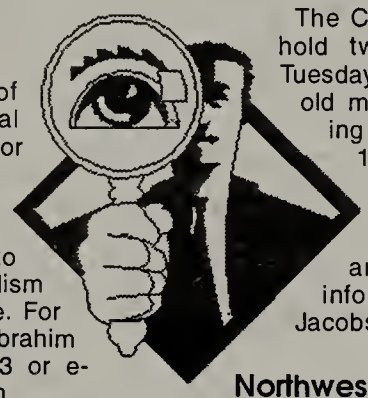
SGA seeks new members

The Student Government Association is looking for new Senators. For more information, call Nicholas Orange at (219) 989-2394 or e-mail nicktorange@hotmail.com.

The PUC Photo Club seeks student photographers

The PUC Photo Club holds weekly meetings and plans photo outings for unique photo opportunities. No photography experience is required. Have fun and take photos! For more information e-mail Stew at PUCphotoclub@yahoo.com.

SHPE seeks new members



The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers is looking for new members to join the organization. This non-for-profit organization devotes its time to developing professionalism and community service. For more information call Ibrahim Issa at (219) 689-6623 or e-mail issa45@home.com.

IVCF provides new times for weekly prayer meetings

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will hold half hour prayer meetings Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Thursdays at 1 p.m. in SFLC-344C. For more information e-mail IVCF@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

SHRM announces new meetings for fall semester

The Society for Human Resource Management will host meetings Nov. 13 and Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. in Gyte 116. Those who are unable to attend but still wish to participate can e-mail Ron McCullough at pucshrmpres@yahoo.com.

Hoosier Adapt welcomes members throughout semester

Hoosier Adapt has updated their Web site, which can be viewed at axp.calumet.purdue.edu/~hsradapt/index.htm. Those interested in joining should e-mail Andrea Murray at peper@netnico.net.

Cruise offered for credits

The Department of Behavioral Sciences offers a cruise to the Bahamas for credits this May. The cruise cost $1,150 to $1,195 for a four-day cruise. Students gain hands-on experience through lectures and tours on board as well as a class component. For more information call Geralyn Farley at 989-2714.

The Criminal Justice Club hosts open meetings

The Criminal Justice Club will hold two open meetings on Tuesday, Nov. 13 for new and old members. The first meeting will be in Porter 104 at 10 a.m. The second meeting will be in Porter 109 at 2 p.m. All interested students are welcome. For more information call Valarie Jacobs at (219) 680-6868.

Northwest Indiana World Trade Council holds second fall meeting

The Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, a business organization that strives to improve international business relationships with the United States, invites all to attend its second fall meeting on Monday, Nov. 12 in Anderson 311 at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Angelie Martich or Harry Lepinske at (219) 989-2407.

Engineering organizations have combined chapter meetings

The Institute of Industrial Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Society of Automotive Engineers will have a general combined chapter meeting Monday, Nov. 12 (IIE and SME officer elections) and Dec. 10 (finals week). All PUC students, faculty, staff and guests are invited to attend. Meeting times are 6:30 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. in Anderson 248.

Say what?

'Let us never negotiate out of fear, but let us never fear to negotiate.'

-John F. Kennedy
1917-1963

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PUC professor continues to impart knowledge after 20 years

Not quite ready to quit

Cornelius House starts his English classes by taking attendance like most professors do at PUC, he then presents and teaches the study topic of the day for each class enthusiastically.

The difference between House and others who teach at PUC is that he is a visiting instructor who is semi-retired. He said he does not plan to completely retire for a long time.

"I'd like to stay at PUC and teach as long as I'm able," House said.

Rebecca House Stankowski, House's daughter and technical services librarian at PUC, said that English and teaching are his passions. She thinks that is the reason why he has not fully retired.

"It's not a job, it's what he likes," Stankowski said.

House said he has not retired because he loves teaching and the campus atmosphere. He said he would only retire if he were to be incapacitated by bad health.

"Work is exciting because of the interpersonal relationships I have with students," House said.

He also said that he needs the extra income. He said visiting instructors get paid a little higher than guest lecturers do.

"The salary I'm paid here combined with social security is adequate for my needs," House explained.

Michael Nigh, a sophomore majoring in computer technology, had House for English 104 and English 105. He said House is effective as a teacher because he is always willing to help.

"Work is exciting because of the interpersonal relationships I have with students."
Cornelius House, visiting instructor

"I remember in 104 on Christmas he had us listen to a Christmas play that was on an old record. He always brought examples of songs and plays to class," Nigh said.

House teaches...
English 104
English 105

Nigh said this was unique and made the class more enlightening. He said not all teachers are the same way.

"He tried to make English more fun and entertaining than it really is. I remember he would get really excited about the definition of a word," Nigh said.

Patrick Brown, a visiting instructor at PUC, said House has the ability to draw upon many decades of experience when he teaches. He said House also has the ability to communicate his enthusiasm when he teaches.

"People can tell he's enthusiastic and genuine," Stankowski said.

Brown said House is very friendly. He said House always has a new piece of information or cultural item to share.

"He always has a joke," Brown said

House said he is not a leadership type. He thinks he tends to be weak in standing up for his rights.

"I don't think I can do very much about it. They are inborn traits," House explained.

House, 72, is from Lowell and has been teaching for 50 years. He has been teaching at PUC since 1997. House said he started teaching at PUC as a guest lecturer and then became a visiting instructor.

House said he grew up in a small town in Kentucky in the 1940s. He said it was peaceful and carefree.

"It was almost idealistic," House said.

His childhood ambitions included becoming a college professor, a Hollywood actor and traveling to see the world. He never changed, exceeded or achieved his ambitions.

"I almost made it as a college professor. I didn't make it because of circumstances in life that came up and interfered," House said.

He said he would need to have his doctorate in order to be a professor.

"It is not likely to happen because it takes time and money which I don't have," House said.

House has a master's in English and German from Indiana University. He said his major was English and sociology, as an undergraduate student, at the University of Kentucky.

STORY BY JOCELYN GALLEGOS

The PUC Police Report

Monday, Oct. 29, 12:05 p.m. The reporting person stated that sometime between 3 p.m. on Oct. 27 and the reporting time and date, an unknown suspect entered the vehicle and broke the steering column in an attempt to steal the vehicle.

Monday, Oct. 29, 3 p.m. The reporting person stated someone has been placing cardboard obstructions in the money return slots of the pay phones. The obstructions were causing the change to not be returned when calls made from the phones weren't completed. Ameritech Corporate Security has been notified and will continue the investigation.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 9:50 a.m. The victim sustained a one-inch laceration to the top of the head while installing security cameras. The victim was transported by a co-worker to the Hammond Clinic for treatment.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 12:15 p.m. The victim experienced pains in the chest and shortness of breath in the CHC Building. The victim was transported by ambulance to Munster Community Hospital for treatment.

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 1:30 p.m. The driver inadvertently struck a concrete post in a university vehicle in Founder's Plaza.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. The victim sustained bruising and soreness to the right arm when a chair broke causing the victim to fall to the floor in the SFLC Building. The victim was treated at the scene.

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6:25 p.m. The driver of a vehicle attempted to pull into a parking space and misjudged the distance striking a second vehicle in the P-7 lot.

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Clothing Drive!!

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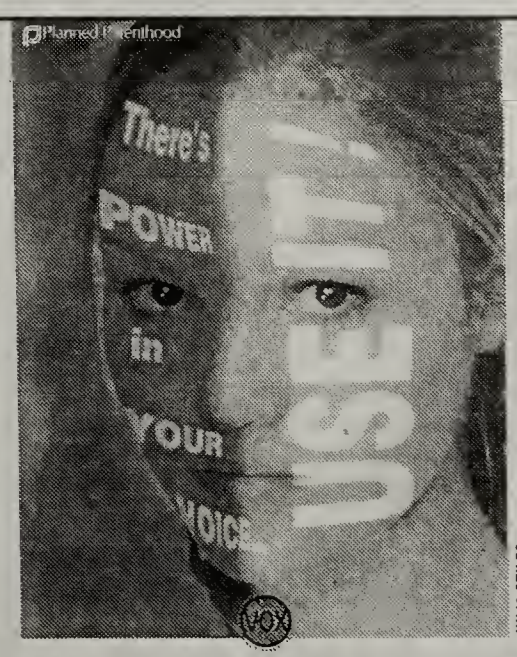

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'Professional advisors' may help or hinder registration process

Recently, some of the academic departments on campus have had the option of creating an altemative position of advising called a "professional advisor." This person would be responsible for the same duties that the present faculty advisors now have, namely assisting students with schedules, class auditing seniors, and everyday advising.

For departments choosing to implement this position, this will eliminate students going to any professor/advisor to get their scheduling card signed. When this is done, often no guidance is given to this student as to what classes are best for her or him and it increases the chance of a student taking difficult classes together or of the student taking the wrong classes.

Professors who now advise will have the opportunity to teach an additional class and to concentrate more on the students in the classroom. They would not have to balance their course load with an equally as time consuming advising load.

Another plus side to this decision would be that the person filling this position would not have competing responsibilities and they could focus one hundred percent on the students they are there to help.

Students will not be subjected to the "drive-by" advising that comes about as a consequence to faculty members having to both attend committee/department meetings and having to teach classes. Longer advising sessions, a slower revolving door and specified duties would potentially be a larger benefit to students.

Also, the professional advisor could possibly have a more intimate knowledge of each individual student. However, with an entire department of students to advise, the reverse scenario can also happen.

What sets PUC apart from other universities is the one-on-one attention that students receive from the faculty. Although the professional advisor will not have the added responsibility of a teaching load, they will have 200 plus students to advise.

During the times when advising is especially busy, such as the week before and during the last day to drop classes and the time to register for the next semester, can this one person handle the whole load?

Stress and irritability are parts of any job but when one works with people, it can often be too easy for these signs of pressure to manifest themselves at the wrong times. If the professional advisor has a bad session with one student they could conceivably and unintentionally take it out on the next student.

Another possible problem with this new system could be that of students scheduling appointments with the advisor. Some students plan their advising appointments up to two months in advance of the advising crunch time. How many students, specifically freshmen, know to plan this far ahead?

It is clear that this proposed system has both its benefits and downfalls. Whatever decision is made amongst departments heads and members, all of these factor must be taken into consideration. Perhaps the best thing to do is to poll the students in the department to see what has or hasn't worked in the past and if they see this proposal as alleviating an existing problem or creating a new one.

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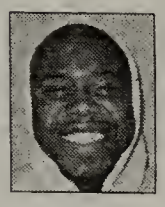
The People Speak

Question of the Week: How do you think state budget cuts will affect your education at Purdue University Calumet?

Courtney Bates
freshman, undecided
"I would have to decrease my course load because it would cost more money to go to school."

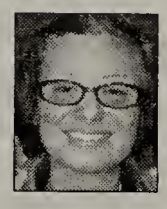


Andrew Hall
senior, hospitality tourism management
"It will affect other students because it will becoming out of their pockets."

Mike Kehle
freshman, mechanical engineering
"I don't think it will because schools are funded by the state and education is most important so they won't let it slide."

Brad Krieger
junior, communication
"I'm leery anytime they cut education cost anytime government scrambles for money the first thing affected are education."

John Zellers
graduate student, MBA
"Unfortunately, I think it is a shame for it will be the less fortunate who will suffer the greatest and to whom it would have the greatest impact."



Christy Macak
freshman, biology
"It will probably affect the strategic plan and postpone any new initiatives they had planned for bettering the school."

Take advantage of our 'salad bowl'

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Managing Editor

In this post-terrorist attack environment that we find ourselves in, I can't help but to notice that most student's cultural awareness hasn't changed that much. Other than a sticker of the American flag replacing the sticker of a confederate flag on some individuals cars, or the words "Islam" and "Allah" being integrated into the vocabulary of people who previously only knew these terms as part of a punch line, I don't see any signs of student initiated growth.

The response by faculty members and administrators have been, or should be, inspiring. The "Politics of Terrorism" class being taught by Richard Rupp, the student forums with Rupp and Val Martinez and Leo Bryant's statement to *The Chronicle* are all actions taken by staff members of the university to make us feel more comfortable with each other, but as students, what have we done to take that step?

If your own answer is "nothing," then it isn't because of the lack of opportunities. Recently, the International Students Organization has formed to address the needs of students from other countries attending this university and to provide a gathering forum for people who want to meet diverse people. There is a golden opportunity to join an organization such as this to expand one's knowledge of people not native to Northwest Indiana.

In addition to this new organization, there are many cultural organizations that have existed on this campus for about 20 years that students can take advantage of. One such organization is the Black Students Union. Happily, I can say that non-blacks have taken the opportunity to join the BSU and to build relationships with people they may not otherwise have met in the areas in which they live. They are also getting the opportunity to hear another side of prevalent social and political issues that affect everyone.

Los Latinos is another long standing organization on this campus. With a history of community service and active membership, it has remained an open organization for all those who wish to leam about the Hispanic culture and the group's goal as they relate to the PUC campus.

Another organization that is committed to sharing their culture and religion is the Muslim Students Association. In the Nov. 5 issue of *The Chronicle,* the MSA made their willingness to share information about themselves, learn from others and their dedication to the less fortunate known in an article that addressed their reaction to the terrorist attacks and how they are moving forward.

"The Region" is one of the most diverse areas for its size and we know almost nothing about each other. Whether it be joining a student organization or enrolling in one of the many ethnic studies classes that will be offered in the spring, as the next generation to lead this country it is our responsibility to educate ourselves about each other.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am a student/worker at PUC, and every week I have picked up the school paper, and every week I find at least one article that boils my blood. This week, your comments on the tornado announcements last month, although some truth was told and yeah I did find it humorous, but it was a wrong stab at the people who were doing their best in a stressful situation to keep you informed of the current situation. They may have been inaccurate in what they were telling you, but they are the "police dept" not the weather station.

On the other hand you were right in saying that there is not an effective tornado plan, but again those types of procedures are things you have been learning since kindergarten and if you cannot figure out what a "safe place" is then you have no business in college to begin with. It only makes sense not to go outside when someone says that there is a tornado warning, along with glass, and also away from the boiler. I am aware that this article was an "opinion" but you should have more sense of what is "good news" and not an attack on something some people were not able to accomplish with their own intelligence. This is my view on your article, I am a writer myself, and don't like to criticize other writers. So for that much I must apologize. Thank you for your time.

Eric Carter

Dear Editor,

Relevant to the nationwide debate on education is the fact that high levels of aggression in children and poor school performance go together. "Currently the prognosis for aggressive children is poor. Services provided by mental health, education, and juvenile justice agencies often have little impact on the downward trajectory of aggressive children.". I found an effective intervention with exceptionally aggressive ninth graders to be telling these students, still in their formative years, the serious consequences of their current behavioral course ('a life of crime and a life in jail') but was told that saying such things is "taboo in public education". By the time it is not taboo, it is too late. The consequences affect suburbanites as well as urban communities.

Current policies are worse than ineffective. I have found that the vast majority of ninth grade mathematics students in an urban school cannot do simple addition and subtraction that they are supposed to have leamed in grade school. I was told to observe the class of another teacher held out to me as a model and

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International marketing seminar to begin March 26

"Fundamentals of International Marketing," a free seminar series to be offered at 5:30 p.m., five consecutive Tuesdays, begins March 26 at Purdue University Calumet.

The series—to be held in Room 305 of the university's Lawshe Hall—is designed so participants can meet, exchange experiences and learn from specialists in international marketing, business and trade.

Specialists will help participants develop export marketing plans tailored to their company's products and resources.

Topics include financing, government assistance, preparing to export, sources of information, cross cultural marketing, cultural considerations in negotiations, legal aspects, operations and labor aspects, and documentation.

Speakers Include:

- Harry C. Lepinske, director of Purdue Calumet's Center for International Research and Education and International Business Development Programs;
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telling the students he will give them "one hundred percent credit" if, in solving a simple equation, they just show him the steps, even if their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division are wrong and regardless of their answers. This is fraud upon the public.

I have found that the main reason the students do not know simple addition and subtraction or the steps in solving a simple equation is their REFUSAL to learn, which is part of their aggressive behavior.

Satish Chandra

Let the children play!

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Grounds Department members (from left) Mark Penman, Jeff William, Gary Greiner, and John Bachmann along with assistant director Sue Cooper watch while lead teacher Allison Kicho plays with the children on the newly paved and painted track at the Riley Center.

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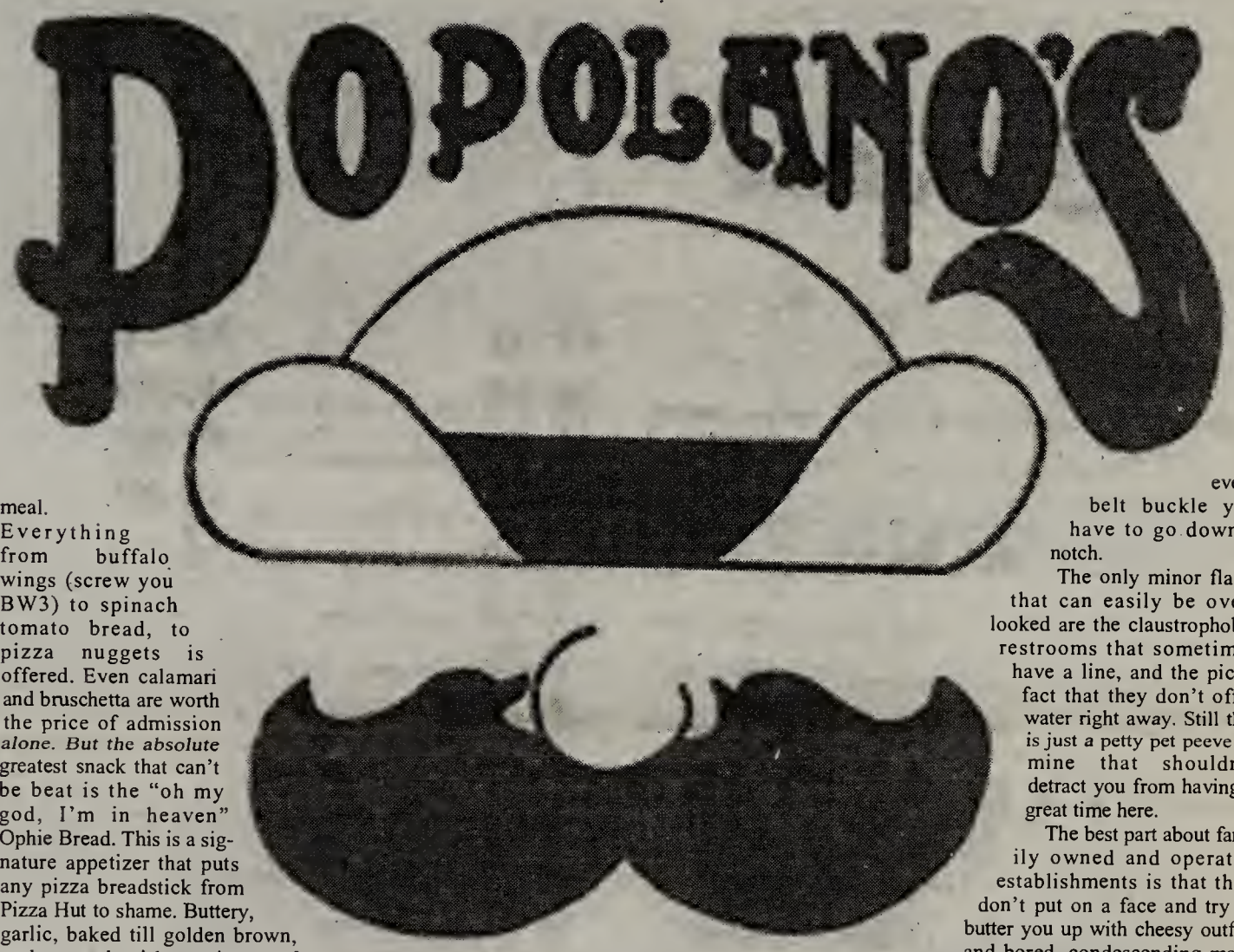
Popolano's takes a bite out of Lansing

JAMES LACZKOWSKI
Entertainment Editor



Let me preface this review by stating this very well known fact: Everybody eats!

I'm more than happy to recommend obscure art house films, as well as trying to bring many bands to light, which deserve more acknowledgment. Face it, if I told you that the new Tom Green movie was great, followed by the best food in the world is being served at this nearby restaurant in Lansing, you'd sooner go out to eat than venture out to see Green suck on cow udders. In other words, people trust restaurant recommendations over film and music. This is because our taste really varies when it comes to what some consider great entertainment, but a good meal is more universally recognized.

Granted, we all don't love sushi or spicy foods, but a good burger is a good burger. (Unless you're anti-red-meat). As far as my taste is concerned, I tend to steer more toward the healthy *route, but every now and then I* do break down and go for artery-clogging gourmet dinners that probably take years off of my life. Counting calories is as futile as counting cracks on the sidewalk, but I do like the taste of a great salad or soup, over a piece of dead cow. I did break down when venturing out to one of the single greatest places to eat a meal. My fiancée and I have been dining at Popolano's for quite some time now. It's a time for celebration when we decide, "hey, why not treat ourselves this evening?" Indeed, for Popolano's is a treat for the taste buds. A glorious gourmet full of friendly service, and cuisine that would make even the most pretentious French chef run for the hills.

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Popolano's in Lansing on Torrence Ave. and is quite simply a memorable dining experience from beginning to end. Feast your eyes on the variety of eats, and your mouth is already salivating. The appetizer selections alone can constitute a fine meal. Everything from buffalo wings (screw you BW3) to spinach tomato bread, to pizza nuggets is offered. Even calamari and bruschetta are worth the price of admission *alone. But the absolute* greatest snack that can't be beat is the "oh my god, I'm in heaven" Ophie Bread. This is a signature appetizer that puts any pizza breadstick from Pizza Hut to shame. Buttery, garlic, baked till golden brown, and served with marinara of course, this is the must have pre-dinner nibble that is the ideal start. And of course you can always go with a hearty helping of Chicken N'Dumplings soup as well.

As for the main course, you simply won't know what to choose. The menu items range from baby-back ribs (screw you Chili's) to rigatoni with spicy chicken (one of my personal faves). You want a quick make-it-yourself burger? You got it. How about pizza? As it says in the menu "Popolano's Pizza Rules!" But one of the best main courses is the Mamalono sandwich, which is your basic Italian Beef, only a billion times better. Smothered in melted mozzarella, au jus, and served on a mini-garlic loaf, you will more than likely have to cut this sandwich in half, and save the rest for a midnight snack.

I chose something different for this occasion. I splurged on the Steak Romeo, which from the moment the kind waitress put the plate down before me, I thought my eyes were going to implode. This is one of their many new dinner items, which at a startling $11.95 contained medium sirloin tips covered in Monterey jack and served with mushrooms aplenty. It was hard to end the feast there.

So, of course, a dessert in order.

They feature everything from Tiramisu to Fried Ice Cream, but we went with an Oreo Brownie which was nothing spectacular, but served as the ideal closing to one superb Sunday night dinner.

Granted, the prices are a bit steep (our meal ended up at $32), but it's worth it. The quantity is plentiful, and the quality is nothing short of rewarding. As for the service, it simply doesn't get better than Popolano's. Every single time I've been there, they've been nothing but near and dear. Perky, but not annoyingly so to where you want to deem them as Brady Bunch clones. The highlights are simply the selection. Everything looks and sounds good, so there's always something new to try. There are an excellent variety of dishes for whatever mood you're in. Free refills on pop, really great bread while you're waiting; this is simply comfort food at its best. There's a bar for all you party animals, and the atmosphere is like that of a nice evening dinner at home. That's what Popolano's brings to the community. An outstanding family restaurant that serves homemade pizza, pasta, seafood, and salads that do tend to put a dent in the wallet, but it's worth every single penny, and every belt buckle you have to go down a notch.

The only minor flaws that can easily be overlooked are the claustrophobic restrooms that sometimes have a line, and the picky fact that they don't offer water right away. Still this is just a petty pet peeve of mine that shouldn't detract you from having a great time here.

The best part about family owned and operated establishments is that they don't put on a face and try to butter you up with cheesy outfits and bored, condescending manners that make you feel unwelcome. There's no annoying elevator music (um, Round The Clock, anyone?) and they simply know how to make their guests feel at ease. There's no long wait, and the consistency in their food is unparallel to the crappy chains that have inundated the suburbs that offer decent food, but never anything new that keep you coming back. You know what to expect when you visit the nearest Applebee's, but the best thing about Popolano's is that there's so much to choose from, and the anticipation of its arrival is well worth the extra cash. The only expectation to have about this restaurant is that you should expect to walk out full, satisfied, and ready to come back for more.

Popolano's Restaurant

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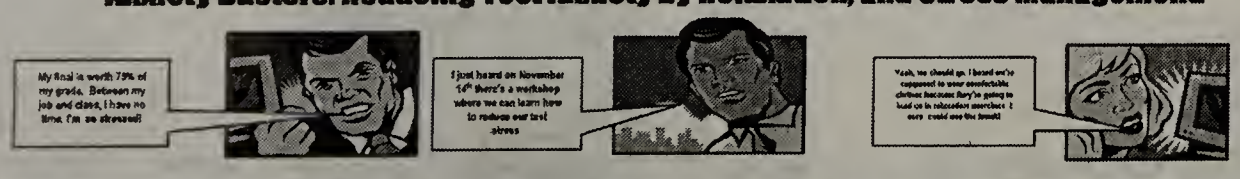
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Pixar does it again with 'Monsters Inc.'

JOE JUAREZ
Entertainment Writer

With the success of "Toy Story" and "Toy Story 2", Disney/Pixar creates yet another computer-animated adventure about a blue furry monster, his green one-eyed friend, and an ongoing business, whose goal is to scare all of the children all over the world in their sleep.

In "Monsters Inc." John Goodman provides the voice of James P. Sullivan, a big blue furry monster who may look intimidating on the outside, but inside, he is just one big emotional blue and purple cuddly fur ball, who provides most of the revenue for "Monsters Inc.," with the most screams that he can earn within a matter of minutes so he can maintain an all-time record. Accompanying Sullivan, or Sulley as his friends call him, is Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal), his motivational one-eyed friend who not only provides support for Sulley but is a little bit disagreeable. For example, he would want to do something like driving and Sulley would prefer to walk.

This movie provides an in-depth day-in-the-life of the old monsters underneath the bed. Sullivan enters a child's closet to scare the little ones while they are asleep. With scaring most of the children, Sulley finds out that not all children are afraid of monsters under the bed, as a toddler named Boo (Bonnie Hunt) arrives unexpectedly in Monsters Inc. and into the lives of Sulley and Wazowski. While Wazowski is going out of his mind because a child is somewhere where she is not supposed to be, Sulley is somewhat providing a father-like support to the young toddler. As a result, Sulley is focusing his attention more to Boo, than to Mike and especially to his job at Monsters Inc. This gives the movie a sweet, sensitive sensibility that provides a warm core to the characters.

Sully (left, voiced by John Goodman) and Mike (voiced by Billy Crystal) provide an in-depth look at the life of a monster living under a child's bed, in "Monsters, Inc."

First and foremost, "Monsters Inc." provides the audience with tremendous off-the-wall humor thanks to Goodman's and Crystal's winning performances. The supporting characters also shine, such as the snake-wig wearing receptionist, Celia (Jennifer Tilly), Mike's wannabe girlfriend. And, of course, there has to be a villain in the movies and of all the best actors that Disney can provide a voice with since Jeremy Irons role as the evil Scar in the "Lion King," is Steve Buscemi from "Fargo" fame. He plays the ever-jealous chameleon-like creature, Randall Boggs.

Unlike Disney/Pixar's previous "Toy Story" movies, "Monsters Inc." provides an opportunity for any person like myself who had never seen a computer-animated movie before a chance to finally view a film that provides so much realism in the body language of each character. The first thing that I am reminded of with Wazowski is that he provides the same humor and slapstick Crystal himself would provide in real life with movies such as 1991's "City Slickers" or 1995's "Forget Paris."

To sum it all up "Monsters Inc." is best for the young ones, however, it is certainly one of those special films that coins the phrase "fun for the whole family." It is a terrific time that can force even the most jaded cynic to find the child within them. "Monsters, Inc.," is a feast for the eyes, but is definitely more for the young at heart.

Monsters Inc.
★★★★

DMX lifts listeners out of 'depression'

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Managing Editor

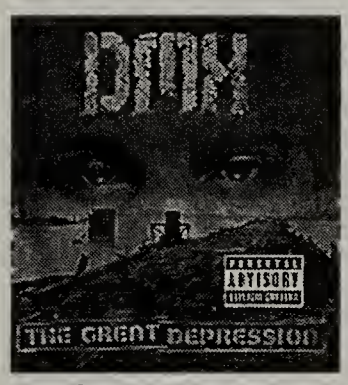
The Dark Man has returned to once again raise the bar of the rap game one more notch. After a two-year hiatus, DMX has come back with a vengeance. His senior release "The Great Depression" hits his fans with that grimy, gritty perspective that they know only the dog can provide.

X has come a long way from his promo release "Born Loser," but he continues to stay true to his fans and remains a griot for the streets from which he came.

"The Great Depression" boasts a track list of 17 hard hitting anthems with two hot singles, "We Right Here" and "Who We Be" breaking listeners in to the whole album.

Ever since his first controversial song "Get At Me Dog" and its accompanying video, DMX has not apologized for his music and continues to growl at all those who claim not to recognize his genius.

In the first track, "Sometimes," X lets his fans know where his head is in this album. This personal proclamation is followed with an explosive round of automatic and shotgun rounds.



"The Great Depression" is DMX's fourth official release.

This song is followed by "School Street," in which he lets all of the pop-tart chart artists know that he, accompanied by his fleet of canines, is back to reclaim his throne.

"We Right Here" is one of two rallying anthems that have received much radio airplay since the release of his album. The video, featuring the familiar four-wheelers and Ruff Ryders, made me nostalgic for X's early "Rider's Anthem."

On the semi-darker side, the eighth track, "Damien III" consists of a convo between DMX and the MC of Darkness. It reminded me of Snoop Dogg's, when he was Snoop Doggy Dog, song, "Murder Was the Case" in which he also strikes a bargain with Satan, but it pans out to be more than either of the dog's expected. That's a deal that can't turn out any other way that b-a-d.

The other single receiving much love on stations from Hot 97 F.M. to Power 92.3 F.M. is "Who We Be." DMX is every bit the maestro he says he is. On this song, his voice is strong, authoritative and deliberate. He spits the seeming limitations of the black community and weaves them into strengths and life lessons. Hunger making us strong, poverty making us value what we have when we get it and so on.

Finally, one of the many inspiring tracks that I am going to finish with is "The Prayer IV." X pulls the listeners into his thanksgiving and makes them realize that they are not solely responsible for a damn bit of what they have. He says that God's love hurts because he knows that he doesn't deserve it. X isn't preaching, he is expressing. In this expression, he just happens to break off life lessons along the way.

"The Great Depression" is one of the most, if not the most, inspiring albums of 2001. Other than the apparent social commentary that it delivers, DMX is a true rap artist who always lets us know how it should be done.

DMX
"The Great Depression"
★★★★★

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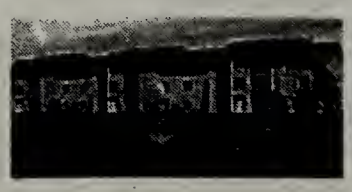

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Cold steel on ice returns to Chicago

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

The tradition that lies in the Indian head logo and cross tomahawks of the Chicago Blackhawks dates back to 1926. But for this original six club, the past few seasons have not held to winning ways that this team once displayed.

There was once a time, when seeing the Blackhawks every year in the playoffs became routine. From 1970 to 1997, they were in the post season every year, and made three trips to the Stanley Cup finals in 1971, 1973, and 1992.

Since the last trip to the playoffs, four and a half years ago, there has been nothing more than disappointment for the Hawks. Finishing less than .500, not signing any key free agents, and constant coaching changes have become setbacks in an organization that currently has the longest drought of seasons without winning the Stanley Cup, 40 years to be exact.

With Brian Sutter at the helm as the new head coach, he has brought a different style to this team and even more of a personality, or at least in what has been seen and heard in commercials for Blackhawk tickets. He coached the St. Louis Blues to a few playoff appearances in the late 1980's and early 1990's.

In sixteen games played, both Eric Daze and Kyle Calder have come-up with eight points each and combined for 28 points, while Tony Amonte has four goals and ten assist. From a goaltender standpoint, Jocelyn Thibault has won three times as more games than lost and tied, a 9-3-3 record to be exact.

And as the Blackhawks start to become competitive on the ice, it could draw more people inside the United Center, as there have been less sellout crowds, compared to how it was a decade ago at old Chicago Stadium, which would rock every night whenever the Hawks played, remember there is no local television on home games, which is unfortunate.

Maybe come Spring, the Blackhawks will return to hot steel on "cold steel on ice."

Lakers wrap up IUN Redhawks

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

While the IUN (Indiana University Northwest) Redhawks might not fall into the same conference as PUC, regional bragging rights are on the line whenever these two teams meet on the basketball court. Not to mention going after the victory of the season, which became the case on Friday November 2 at the PER Building as the Lakers took the contest 89-72.

Last year, both teams opened-up the schedule away from PUC, as the Lakers managed to get in the win column, coming-up on top by a 22-point finish. Once again this year, it was the same scenario, the first game of the season against IUN, and another win for the gold and black. Only this time played in Laker territory with the home court advantage.

Early on, PUC had complete control of the game, especially during the first five minutes, which saw a 13-1 run. The offense came out strong, attacking the basket down low, which became a major focus coming into this season.

"We put a new offense in and are trying to isolate our post man and work them, because we got guys who can shoot the ball. What we are going to do is feed off our post guys for they might not be big, but they're physical, and can get good angles on the court," Head Coach Gary Hayes said about the new offensive set-ups, following his team's first win of the season.

Once at halftime and out to an 18-point advantage, the Lakers shot 21 of 34 from the field which resulted in a 61.8 shooting percentage, and ended with over 57 percent at game's end.

As the second half got underway, the Lakers were able to come-up with their biggest lead of the night at 27-points. Still, while out to a big lead, they slowed down a little, giving-up turnovers and letting some things slip.

"In that second half, we were playing against the scoreboard, not against the other team. Whenever people come into our home court, we need to jump on them and put them away and finish them. It might be a win for us, but we are disappointed a little bit," senior shooting guard Ryan Sexson said who ended-up with 15 points and six assists.

As IUN struggled for most of the night, they put pressure on the Lakers with three-point shots, connecting for 44 percent from beyond the arc, as opposed to PUC's 29 percent.

"They executed well, but it all comes back to us, we did not put a lot of pressure on the ball at times and got lazy. We have to become more hard nose," senior forward Drew Hall said.

Hall, the Lakers leading scorer on the night, had 20 points added in with a team leading nine rebounds and six assist.

Also impressive on the court with 18 points was sophomore center Eric Beard. At 6'6, Beard played in 337 total minutes as a reserve last season. Now as the principal starter in the middle, he has step-up in his game.

"I pretty much knew what I had to do. We don't have as much height as some of the other teams do, so I had to pick-up my role and play hard, and that's pretty much what I will do," Bread said.

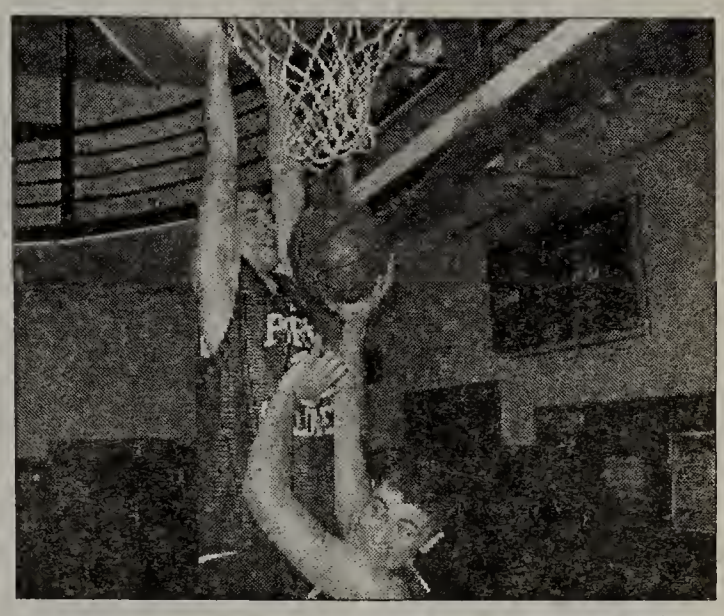
"I did a lot of work on my post game, I know my role, and I try to do that, but when we all play our role, it gels together."

One role that the seniors will play throughout the course of the season is leadership to the freshman. For the game, three freshman made their collegiate debut, including guard Tyler Reash. Picking-up 21 plus playing minutes, he would finish his first college game with eight points and three rebounds, and will feel confident under the seniors of Sexson, Hall, and Dion Banks.

"The senior leadership is going to mean a lot, there are good ways and bad ways to take freshman into a season, and they are of course doing it the good way by teaching us things we need to know, whenever we make a mistake, they get on to us, but in the right way by letting us understand what we did," Reash said.

Both Reash and Sexson, played their high school ball at Lafayette Jefferson, and have known each other, even going back to childhood.

"Tyler is a little bit ahead of everybody else from the program that he came from at Lafayette Jefferson which is very well coach, and I grew-up playing with him since he was about five years old," Sexson said.



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Freshmen Tyler Reash (left) and Larry Keilman combined for 12 points and six rebounds for their Lakers debut in a 89-72 win over IUN.

Lady Lakers drop first game in overtime

MIKE HALGAS
Sports Writer

The PUC Lady Lakers home opener will be a game to go down in history, or at least in the early season with an overtime loss to the Judson College Lady Eagles. This team, with mostly newcomers, came together in style to give Judson a run for their money.

The first half found the Lakers in foul trouble with ten fouls in the first ten minutes and 13 fouls total giving Judson 10 points from the line. The first twenty minutes saw the Lady Eagles with an early lead that was shut down fast, mostly due to clutch three pointers by Katie Porento and Thespena Kollintzas, and good inside rebounding by Latoya Sherls. Freshman forward LaSharon Watson, came through with a great play late in the half. The second half saw amazing play by both teams, but once again saw the Lady Lakers in foul trouble with Porento fouling out of the game.

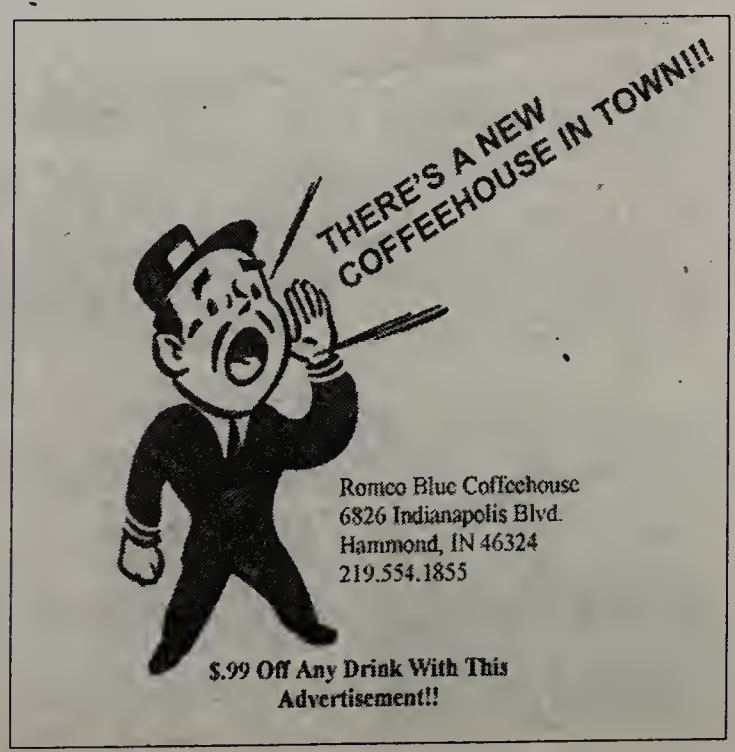
"Our players are aggressive, they played good offense, but we need to do more work on defense," Head Coach Dennis Smith said following the loss.

The Lady Lakers lead was cut short early, but slowly regained, leading eventually to a 62 – 62 tie at the end of regulation, forcing to overtime.

The last two minutes saw Judson regaining the spread, leading to the eventual victory by nine points. The final score was 75-66.

The Lady Lakers really came together as a team, despite the fact that the team consists of mostly newcomers.

"We really came together well, there is always room for improvement," junior center Melissa Austin said, as she led the Lady Lakers with 10 rebounds, added in with four points.



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